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REFERENCE TO: S-023E (SU)

SCOPE SHIELD MISSION S-023E

31 MARCH 1973

1. SIGNIFICANCE: MISSION TRACK AND SELECTED PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE
SECOND SCOPE SHIELD MISSION S-023E OF 31 MARCH 1973.

2. LOCATION: SCOPE SHIELD MISSION S-023E (SU) PARALLELED THE
VIETNAMESE COAST FROM QUANG TRI PROVINCE, SOUTH
VIETNAM TO APPROXIMATELY 19-19N 106-20E OFF THE
COAST OF NORTH VIETNAM.

THE DONG HOI AIRFIELD [] IS LOCATED
3 NAUTICAL MILES (NM) NORTH NORTHWEST OF DONG HOI
AND 25 NM NORTH OF THE DMZ AT 17-30-38N 106-35-46E.

THE QUANG KHE COASTAL TRANSSHIPMENT POINT

[] IS LOCATED 16 NM NORTH NORTHWEST OF
DONG HOI AT 17-42-00N 106-29-00E.

VEHICLE ACTIVITY ROUTE 1A, VICINITY OF RON IS
LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 40 NM NORTH NORTHWEST OF
DONG HOI AT 18-03N 106-18E.

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3. MISSION READOUT: SCOPE SHIELD MISSION S-023E (SU)
 (N-8286)

THE SECOND SCOPE SHIELD MISSION WAS FLOWN ON 31 MARCH 1973. IT PROVIDED OBLIQUE PHOTO COVERAGE OF THE COASTAL AREAS OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE OF SOUTH VIETNAM, THE VIETNAMESE DMZ, AND THE SOUTHERN PANHANDLE OF NORTH VIETNAM FROM THE DMZ TO APPROXIMATELY 40 NM NORTH OF VINH (19-19N 105-49E). CAMERAS WERE OPERATIONAL ON BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH LEGS OF THE MISSION. PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETABILITY WAS POOR-TO-FAIR, AND IN PLACES DEGRADED BY HAZE, OBLIQUITY AND SCALE. THE AIRCRAFT TRACK REMAINED AT LEAST 20 NM FROM THE NORTH VIETNAMESE MAINLAND. THE MISSION TRACK AND THE CENTER LINE OF THE PHOTO COVERAGE IS SHOWN ON NPIC N-8286.

DONG HOI AIRFIELD
NORTH VIETNAM
17-30N 106-35E
 (N-8287)

THE SINGLE RUNWAY OF THE DONG HOI AIRFIELD WAS OBSERVED. THE RUNWAY WAS OPERATIONAL. NO CRATERS WERE DISCERNIBLE IN THE RUNWAY. TWO CAB AIRCRAFT WERE PARKED ON THE PARKING APRON WEST OF THE RUNWAY. THE RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT WAS 33 NM FROM THE TARGET AREA.

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QUANG KHE COASTAL TRANSSHIPMENT POINT
NORTH VIETNAM
 17-42N 106-29E
 (N-8288)

TEN LOGISTICS CRAFT WERE MOORED AT OR NEAR THE SOUTHERN BANK OF THE SONG GIANG (RIVER). OF THESE CRAFT, EIGHT WERE AT THE QUANG KHE COASTAL TRANSSHIPMENT POINT AND TWO WERE AT THE POL AREA ADJACENT TO THE TRANSSHIPMENT POINT. THE LOGISTICS CRAFT COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED BY TYPE DUE TO DEGRADED IMAGERY. THE RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT WAS 31 NM FROM THE TARGET AREA.

VEHICLE ACTIVITY ROUTE 1A
VICINITY OF RON, NORTH VIETNAM
 18-03N 106-18E
 (N-8289)

AT LEAST 45 CARGO TRUCKS WERE OBSERVED WITHIN A ONE NM STRETCH ALONG ROUTE 1A IN THE VICINITY OF RON. OF THESE, 28 WERE SOUTHBOUND AND 17 NORTHBOUND. THE RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT WAS 24 NM FROM THE TARGET AREA.

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ENLARGEMENT: 10X (ALL PHOTOS)

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